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**POTATO STOCKS**

**JUNE 2009**

Fall potato stocks in the San Luis Valley of **Colorado** totaled 3.4 million cwt as of June 1, 2009, up 36 percent from the 2.5 million cwt in storage as of June 1, 2008. The latest stocks represented 16 percent of the 21.34 million cwt produced in 2008. The June 1, 2008 stocks represented 12 percent of the 20.98 million cwt produced in 2007. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2003-2007 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage.

The 13 major potato States held 44.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2009, down 11 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above June 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below June 1, 2008.

Potato disappearance, at 323 million cwt, was 7 percent below June 1, 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 23.8 million cwt, was down 6 percent from the same date in 2008 and 7 percent below 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 169 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from both the same period last year and 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 31.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

**MILK PRODUCTION**

**MAY 2009**

**Colorado** dairy herds produced 259 million pounds of milk during May, up 6 million pounds from May 2008. The average number of cows was 128,000, up nearly 1 percent from the previous year. Production per cow averaged 2,020 pounds for May, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during May totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 0.2 percent from May 2008. April revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 0.1 percent from April 2008. The April revision represented an increase of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,828 pounds for May, 9 pounds above May 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 25,000 head less than May 2008, and 10,000 head less than April 2009.

**Milk Cows and Milk Production, 23 States**

Item	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009
<b>Colorado</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u> ....	127	128	128
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	1,990	1,920	2,020
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	253	246	259
<b>23 States Total:</b>			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) <u>1/</u> ....	8,496	8,481	8,471
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	1,819	1,759	1,828
Production (mil. lbs.) <u>2/</u> .....	15,451	14,916	15,483

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**JUNE 1, 2009**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 980,000 head as of June 1, 2009. The latest inventory is down 3 percent from the May 1, 2009 inventory, but up 7 percent from the 920,000 on feed on June 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 145,000 head of fed cattle during May 2009. This was down 12 percent from April 2009 marketings and 15 percent above May marketings one year earlier. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, down 7 percent from April 2009 placements and also down 7 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in May, 18 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 32 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 32 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May was estimated at 25,000 head, up 10,000 head from April and up 15,000 from May 2008. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United

States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on June 1, 2009. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.64 million, 14 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.54 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of May since the series began in 1996. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 433,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.95 million, 9 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of May since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during May, 26 percent above 2008.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, May 1 to June 1, 2008-2009**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed May 1	950	1,010	11,135	10,822
Placements During May	150	140	1,900	1,638
< 600 pounds	25	25	340	395
600 - 699 Pounds	30	25	350	305
700 - 799 Pounds	45	45	565	433
800 Plus Pounds	50	45	645	505
Marketings During May	170	145	2,140	1,952
Other Disap. During May	10	25	80	101
On Feed June 1	920	980	10,815	10,407

**CHICKENS AND EGGS  
MAY 2009**

**Colorado** laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during May 2009 compared to 89 million in May 2008 and 93 million during April 2009. During May of this year, the average number of layers was 3.72 million compared with 3.71 million last year and 3.77 last month. The average number of eggs produced per 100 layers was 2,580 this May compared with 2,402 a year earlier and 2,466 in April of this year.

United States egg production totaled 7.60 billion during May 2009, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2009 averaged 337 million, down 1 percent from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2008.

All layers in the United States on June 1, 2009 totaled 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.2 million layers producing broiler-

type hatching eggs, and 2.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2009, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from June 1, 2008.

**WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION  
June 2009**

Winter wheat production in **Colorado** is forecast at 80.5 million bushels, 41 percent above the 57.0 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.30 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, but 400,000 acres more than the 1.90 million acres harvested in 2008. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 35.0 bushels per acre, 5 bushels per acre above last year's average. Increased moisture in May along with moderate temperatures improved yield potential but delayed crop development. Currently, wheat is in mostly good condition compared with a year ago at mostly fair to poor.

Production for the **United States** is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2008. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 34.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and 3.3 bushels less than last year. Hard Red production is down less than 1 percent from a month ago to 868 million bushels. Soft Red production is down 2 percent from last month and now totals 415 million bushels. White production totals 209 million bushels, up slightly from last month. Of the White production total, 21.1 million bushels are Hard White and 188 million bushels are Soft White.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in the 6 Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas) are below last year's level in Montana and Oklahoma but above in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas. Condition ratings during May declined in Kansas and Montana, improved in Colorado, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and remained constant in Texas. Colorado and Nebraska received much needed moisture during May, while Oklahoma was adversely affected by rain and hail. Condition ratings declined during May in Illinois and Missouri, but improved in Ohio. Wet weather and cool temperatures in Illinois have kept crop progress behind normal.

In the Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington), yields increased from last month in Idaho, but remain unchanged in Washington and Oregon. Forecasted head counts from the objective yield survey in Washington are above last year. Condition ratings declined during May in Washington, improved in Oregon, and remained constant in Idaho. As of May 31, winter wheat crop progress in Washington was 30 percent headed, behind the 5-year average of 54 percent.

**Winter Wheat: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states and United States, 2007-2009**

STATE	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009	2007	2008	Indicated 2009
	<b>1,000 Acres</b>		<b>Bushels</b>		<b>1,000 Bushels</b>		
Arkansas .....	980	430	57.0	51.0	28,700	55,860	21,930
California .....	400	280	85.0	75.0	21,465	34,000	21,000
<b>Colorado .....</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>91,650</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>80,500</b>
Georgia .....	400	240	56.0	48.0	9,200	22,400	11,520
Idaho .....	800	700	75.0	83.0	51,830	60,000	58,100
Illinois .....	1,150	800	64.0	63.0	48,950	73,600	50,400
Indiana .....	560	430	69.0	69.0	20,720	38,640	29,670
Kansas .....	8,900	8,500	40.0	40.0	283,800	356,000	340,000
Kentucky .....	460	400	71.0	66.0	12,000	32,660	26,400
Maryland .....	180	180	73.0	71.0	10,560	13,140	12,780
Michigan .....	710	570	69.0	69.0	34,450	48,990	39,330
Mississippi .....	485	200	62.0	55.0	18,480	30,070	11,000
Missouri .....	1,160	750	48.0	51.0	37,840	55,680	38,250
Montana .....	2,420	2,400	39.0	39.0	83,220	94,380	93,600
Nebraska .....	1,670	1,600	44.0	45.0	84,280	73,480	72,000
New York .....	122	110	63.0	54.0	4,505	7,686	5,940
North Carolina .....	720	510	60.0	55.0	20,000	43,200	28,050
North Dakota .....	550	490	41.0	44.0	21,805	22,550	21,560
Ohio .....	1,090	990	68.0	66.0	44,530	74,120	65,340
Oklahoma .....	4,500	3,500	37.0	21.0	98,000	166,500	73,500
Oregon .....	775	720	58.0	53.0	38,160	44,950	38,160
Pennsylvania .....	185	180	64.0	59.0	8,990	11,840	10,620
South Carolina .....	205	160	54.0	51.0	4,050	11,070	8,160
South Dakota .....	1,890	1,550	55.0	45.0	91,080	103,950	69,750
Tennessee .....	520	300	63.0	59.0	10,660	32,760	17,700
Texas .....	3,300	2,400	30.0	27.0	140,600	99,000	64,800
Virginia .....	280	245	71.0	63.0	13,120	19,880	15,435
Washington .....	1,720	1,700	56.0	60.0	104,780	96,320	102,000
Wisconsin .....	335	305	66.0	62.0	18,360	22,110	18,910
Other States <sup>1/</sup> .....	1,247	1,055	53.0	43.0	40,211	66,067	45,364
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>39,614</b>	<b>33,995</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>1,449,241</b>	<b>1,867,903</b>	<b>1,491,769</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Other States include AL, AZ, FL, IA, LA, MN, NJ, NV, NM, ND, UT, WV, and WY. Individual state level estimates will be published in the "Small Grains 2008 Summary", September 28, 2008.

**COLD STORAGE  
MAY 31, 2009**

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2009 were greater than year earlier levels for eggs, turkey, cheese and pork. Butter stocks were up 5 percent from last month but down 7 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month but up slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month but up 1 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 1 percent from last month and down 9 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on May 31, 2009 were down slightly from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month and down 15 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 2 percent from last month and up 12 percent from May 31, 2008.

**Stocks in Storage, United States**

Commodity	May 31, 2008	Apr. 30, 2009	May 31, 2009
<b>1,000 Pounds</b>			
Butter.....	269,474	240,044	251,057
Cheese, total natural .....	881,289	914,548	957,046
Eggs, frozen.....	12,443	18,241	21,226
Poultry, total frozen.....	1,279,987	1,235,356	1,232,079
Chicken .....	755,134	658,242	641,456
Turkey .....	522,421	571,708	585,661
Fruits, frozen .....	839,793	917,424	913,817
Fruit Juices, frozen .....	1,801,403	1,783,323	1,829,417
Vegetables, total frozen....	1,344,202	1,716,761	1,574,651
Potatoes, total frozen .....	1,074,946	1,217,264	1,200,620
Meats, total red.....	1,024,463	1,050,603	1,025,339
Beef, total frozen .....	420,365	410,705	414,259
Pork, total frozen.....	579,403	612,290	584,136

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Food stocks are excluded for places where entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

**UPCOMING REPORTS**

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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